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Phyllis G. Spivack

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of February 13, 2006, for which a response is due by March 13, 2006. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the accompanying amendments and remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.